

# **Division of High Polymer Physics**

## **Business Meeting Minutes March 17, 1998 - Los Angeles, CA**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Lodge) at 5:40 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. The minutes were corrected to acknowledge support for last year's reception from the University of Minnesota. Approval of the minutes as amended was moved. Seconded and Passed.

### **Reports:**

Farmer (Secretary-Treasurer) reported that the division remains in good financial condition, having a balance of \$ 21809 as of 12/31/96. The previous year's balance had been \$26912.

Schweizer reported that the auditors (Kumar and Schweizer) had inspected the financial records of the Division and had found them to be in order.

Lodge announced the election results: Schweizer was elected Vice-Chair, Kumar was elected Member-at-Large. The Division expressed its appreciation to Koberstein and Ediger, who were retiring from the Executive Committee.

Lodge reported that membership in the DHPP was 1163 as of 12/31/97, representing 2.85% of the APS total (40767).

Muthukumar (Program Chair) reported that there were 344 contributed, 31 invited and 143 poster presentations on the program. The invited presentations were organized into five focussed symposia.

Burghardt (incoming Program Chair) solicited suggestions for themes and speakers for next year's meeting, the APS Centennial. He said the Program Committee would meet at Wednesday, 5 p.m. at Poster #1.

Balazs (Education Chair) announced that the Short Course next year will be related to polymers for tissue engineering or as biomaterials. The Division expressed its gratitude to Wu and Schen for handling this year's short course.

Lodge read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Coleman, Ediger, Fischer, Peppas, Richter, Schultz, Wang and Williams.

Lodge announced that Muthukumar was the recipient of the 1998 High Polymer Physics Prize, that Anastasiadis was the recipient of the 1998 Dillon Medal, and that Kari

Dalnoki-Veress was the recipient of the 1998 Padden Award. Lodge acknowledged support for the DHPP Awards from the Ford Motor Company, Elsevier, and the University of Akron.

Amis (for the Publication Chair) reported that 25 papers had been submitted for the Special Issue and that 19 had been accepted and published.

### **Old Business:**

Lodge reported that the APS Constitution and By-Laws amendments concerning reversion of a Division to Topical Group had passed. He expressed the Division's appreciation to Lovinger (Councillor) for his leadership in getting these changes adopted.

Lodge announced that the Padden award had been reviewed and will be continued.

Lodge recounted the plans for the APS Centennial Meeting. It will combine the March and April meetings and run from Saturday through Friday. There will be some focussed sessions, exhibits and a speakers booklet. Colby will lead the DHPP Centennial efforts. Suggestions for sources of support and ideas for the exhibit are welcome.

### **New Business:**

Lodge indicated that 85% of DHPP members are on the email list.

Lodge urged members to suggest names for candidates for positions on the Executive Committee to the Nominations Committee, to nominate members for Fellowship, and to suggest topics for the Program.

Ediger and Farmer announced that the DHPP Electronic Membership Directory was on-line and available to DHPP Members. Members were asked to continue to enter their interest areas (in anticipation of next year's issue). To obtain the directory, members should select the appropriate bullet on the DHPP home page and enter the username ( dhppdir ) and password ( R2=NL2 ) when prompted.

Hoagland announced that the DHPP Brochure was now available.

Lodge reported that the Sunday Reception had been quite successful, with about 100 attendees. He solicited feedback on the event.

Lodge called for discussion on changing the name of the DHPP. He reviewed the procedure for doing so:

1. the DHPP Executive Committee will forward the request to APS Council;
2. if approved, the change will be discussed at the next Business Meeting;
3. if there is unanimous approval (by the members present) to do so, a vote on the change can be made at the Business Meeting; if not, the membership will be

polled by ballot.

4. Names and possible acronyms suggested by the Executive Committee were:

Division of Polymer Physics (DPoly)  
Division of Polymer Science (DPS)  
Division of Macromolecular Physics (DMac)

Fifteen minutes was allocated to the discussion. Lodge related the reasons for considering a name change and took a straw poll of the membership. A substantial majority (roughly 3:1) favored changing the name. Specific names were then discussed. In a straw poll, a large majority favored Division of Polymer Physics.

Farmer called for an expression of gratitude from the division for Lodge.

Lodge announced the reception for the Ford Prize and Dillon Medal winners would immediately follow the business meeting. The sponsorship by F.O.R.T.H., Princeton University and University of Massachusetts was gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.